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Document A is discussed in the background and specification of the patent application and is incorporated into the application by reference. Document B is discussed in the specification and incorporated by reference in the patent application. Documents C through I inclusive and documents O and P are discussed in the background of the patent application. Documents F, I, O, and P inclusive were listed by the examiner in the International Search Report for PCT/US99/04376. Document 5 was "made of record as a document of interest" by the U.S. examiner during the examination of US National Application 09/623068. The documents believed to be most relevant are A, D, E, F, M, Q, R, S, T, U and V.

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